

**Amendments to the specification:**

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**CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

[0001] This application claims priority to prior International Application Serial No. PCT/US2003/01351, filed January 17, 2003 for BALL VALVE WITH SINGLE PIECE PACKING which claims the benefit of United States Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/349,629, filed on January 18, 2002 for BALL VALVE WITH SINGLE PIECE PACKING, the entire disclosures of which are all fully incorporated herein by reference.